

*Dé Máirt, 3 Iúil, 2007*  
*Tuesday, 3rd July, 2007*

2.30 p.m.

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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

*Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairscint : Notice of Amendment to Motion*

15. “That Dáil Éireann,

noting,

- the electoral success of candidates in the Dublin area opposed to the Government’s plans to build an incinerator at Poolbeg;
- that over 300,000 Dublin voters supported such candidates;
- that the vast majority of the TDs elected for the Dublin region are opposed to the plan; and
- the stated policy of the elected members of Dublin City Council;

concludes that no electoral mandate for this project exists and calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, using his powers under section 24(c) of the Waste Management Act 1996, to require the managers of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council to vary the replacement waste management plan for the Dublin region, made by them on the 11th November, 2005, by the deletion of paragraph 18.8 and the exclusion of the siting on Poolbeg Peninsula of a ‘waste to energy (incineration)’ plant.” — *Fergus O'Dowd, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Brian Hayes, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P.J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

*Leasú:*

*Amendment:*

1. To delete all words after Dáil Éireann and substitute the following:

- “— noting the very significant investment which is provided for under the National Development Plan 2007-2013 in further developing modern integrated waste management infrastructure and services so as to meet national and EU policy objectives and targets;

- noting also the record levels of recycling now being achieved and resulting in EU targets being met ahead of schedule and welcoming in particular the significant funding already made available by the Government to co-fund the dramatic expansion in recycling infrastructure which has facilitated the achievement of these targets;
- recognising the strong commitment in this Government's policy programme to a waste management hierarchy based on the cornerstones of reduction, re-use, recycling and marketing of recycled products;
- further noting the Government's commitment to a broader approach to identifying the technologies best suited to achieving a more sustainable approach to waste management rather than placing a heavy reliance on incineration as an alternative to landfill for final disposal, and in particular the commitment to carry out a review of the existing statutory waste management plans;
- taking cognisance of the legal restrictions which the Oireachtas has necessarily imposed on Ministerial involvement in projects which are before the independent statutory physical planning and environmental licensing processes; and
- reaffirms the national commitment to the waste management hierarchy and endorses the Government's commitment to supporting the development of the recovery and disposal technologies which produce the most positive environmental outcome, while in particular achieving the targets set by the EU Landfill Directive.” — *An tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.*

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**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

An Bille um Ghnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2007.  
Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to confirm the functions of the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, to amend the Freedom of Information Act 1997, to amend the Western Development Commission Act 1998, to amend the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Powers and Functions) Act 2003, to repeal the Arramara Teoranta (Acquisition of Shares) Acts 1949 to 2002, and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 2nd day of July, 2007

(Signed) Bertie Ahern,  
An Taoiseach.